

TSC Clinic vs. TSC Center of Excellence (COE)

CATEGORY	TSC CLINIC	TSC CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (COE)
Age Range	Pediatric, Adult, or All Ages	Pediatric, Adult, or All Ages. However, a COE that does not provide care for all ages is required to have well-established procedures for coordinating and transitioning care with specialists for anyone with TSC outside the age range or medical services their TSC Center is able to provide or manage.
Services Provided *Essential services: Neurology Nephrology Pulmonary (adult) Genetics Psychiatry/Psychology or Developmental Pediatrics Cardiology Ophthalmology Dermatology	All essential services for diagnosis and management of major aspects of TSC are provided.* All FDA-approved therapies for TSC are available.	All essential services for diagnosis and management of major aspects of TSC are provided.* All FDA-approved therapies for TSC are available. Additional multispecialty services are available with expertise in TSC for individuals with advanced disease, medical complications, or in need of advanced treatment options or access to new and emerging interventions

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Director	Director must have a minimum of 1-year TSC experience Director demonstrates engagement with TSC community and TS Alliance	Director must have a minimum of 5 years of TSC experience Director demonstrates engagement with TSC community and TS Alliance
Resources	Clinic must have a dedicated coordinator as the point of contact for patients, specialists, and the TS Alliance A minimum of 1 clinic is scheduled each month specifically for TSC patients	Clinic must have a dedicated coordinator as the point of contact for patients, specialists, and the TS Alliance Multiple dedicated clinics are scheduled each month specifically for TSC patients
Referrals	Patients with more complex, rare, or advanced manifestations resulting in significant disability, medical complications, or in need of advanced specialty services should be referred to an affiliated COE	Serves as a resource and referral destination to TSC Clinics regionally and nationally for patients with rare manifestations, significant complications, or in need of advanced specialty care or treatment options

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- TSC Clinics with *Established Status* designation will require renewal every 3 years. *Provisional status* designation may be granted for select situations and will require renewal every year, with expectation that progress towards *Established Status* designation has been made in the interim. Reasons for *Provisional status* designation may include:
 - First-time applications
 - Lapsed renewal
 - New leadership
 - Need to address additional areas of concern or deficiency

- TSC Centers of Excellence may only be granted with *Established Status* and will require renewal every 3 years. TSC Centers of Excellence unable to meet requirements for renewal as COE or with additional areas of concern or deficiency will revert to designation as a TSC Clinic but are encouraged to re-apply for designation as a TSC Center of Excellence as soon as eligibility requirements are met and/or areas of concern have been resolved.